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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJECT: ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS

1. PLEASE CONTACT:

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

2 MARSHAM STREET

LONDON, S. W. 1

2. ADVISE HIM OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

ON 12/23/74, JEFFERY ALLAN MITCHELL IMPORTED ONE (1) EUROPEAN PEREGRINE FALCON AND ONE (1) BOOTED EAGLE AS PERSONAL BAGGAGE INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM LONDON, ENGLAND. NO EXPORT PERMIT NOR OTHER DOCUMENTS SHOWING LAWFUL POSSESSION OR EXPORT ACCOMPANIED THESE BIRDS. MITCHELL ADVISED OFFICIALS HERE THAT HE LIVED IN ENGLAND FOR THREE (3) YEARS WITH ERIC MARDEN. MARDEN IS REPORTEDLY A FRIEND OF ROGER UPTON.

3. REQUEST APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL PROVIDE A STATEMENT ADVISING IF THESE BIRDS WERE LAWFULLY POSSESSED BY MITCHELL IN ENGLAND AND IF BIRDS WERE LAWFULLY EXPORTED.

4. ADVISE OFFICIAL THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THESE BIRDS COULD BE CONFISCATED BY U.S. COURTS IF VIOLATIONS OF LAW ARE

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SUSTANTIATED. ASCERTAIN IF GREAT BRITAIN WOULD WANT BIRDS

RETURNED IF CONFISCATION OCCURS. IF SO, PLEASE OUTLINE PROCEDURES,
TO BE FOLLOWED.

5. AMEMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CERTIFY AND EXEMPLIFY OFFICIAL'S
STATEMENT CONCERNING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ENGLISH LAW AND
IDENTIFY, IF POSSIBLE, FOR EVIDENTIARY PURPOSES.

6. IN REPLY PLEASE PASS TO T. STRIEGLER, DIVISION OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, D.C. KISSINGER

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